



## Community Garden Internship

### About ACCA

Serving northeast and east Georgia, Athens Community Council on Aging (ACCA) is the nonprofit providing a comprehensive resource of expertise and opportunities for adults and families who need and desire the essentials to age and live well. We do this by offering programs and services that address basic needs, such as food and transportation, and personal fulfillment gained through building relationships, expanding knowledge, and making meaningful contributions to the community. With more than 50 years of experience, ACCA helps people navigate – and celebrate – life’s second half, positively impacting their health and well-being, and making their communities an even better place to live.

### About the Community Garden at ACCA

ACCA has been the leading partner in the Athens Senior Hunger Coalition since its inception in 2010. This initiative is aimed at combating senior hunger in the Athens area through programs and partnerships with local organizations who share the goal of ending senior hunger. The ACCA Community Garden is a Senior Hunger initiative, and part of the Athens Community Garden Network. The garden at ACCA provides ACCA clients with fresh, organic produce and community members an opportunity to cultivate a better understanding of vegetable gardening.

### Internship Objectives

The objective of this internship is to provide the student with practical knowledge and applicable experience in operating a community garden, properly growing produce for consumption, and directing community volunteers. The student will gain a greater knowledge of the need for community gardens and issues surrounding food insecurity in our community. The Garden Intern works to ensure produce in the garden is grown and cultivated effectively and assists with ensuring the harvest reaches those in need.

### Requirements

This internship requires:

- Strong communication, decision-making and leadership skills
- Working knowledge of vegetable and plant gardening and any relevant coursework in horticulture, etc.
- The ability to work outdoors. This position will involve a good amount of bending, twisting and lifting
- The ability to work with a wide variety of individuals of various backgrounds and abilities
- Current enrollment in a degree program at an accredited college or university
- Completion of all ACCA paperwork and training, including clearing a background check

### Responsibilities

The responsibilities of the Intern include, but are not limited to:

- Assist staff and Master Gardeners in developing a garden schedule and plan for fall 2019 planting
- Plan and supervise volunteer garden work days
- Offer gardening education programming for ACCA clients and the general community
- Develop written procedures and transition plans with the goal of creating an on-going intern position
- Provide support to the Senior Hunger Coalition initiatives and other programs at ACCA, as needed

### Time Commitment

This is a 10-12 week long summer semester internship opportunity with a minimum time commitment of 15 hours per week. The internship is flexible to allow for more hours to meet intern interests and course requirements.